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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Signed by: Angela Zontelli

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated May 9, 2007. Claims 1-52 are pending.

Claims 1-52 were restricted under 35 USC § 121 as follows:

I. Claims 1-15 and 29-52 are said to be drawn to solid phase extraction, classified in Class 436, subclass 178;

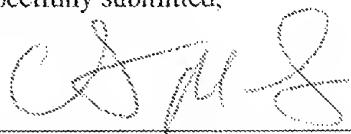
II. Claims 16-28 are said to be drawn to a well-less filtration device, classified in Class 422, subclass 101;

In response, Applicants elect Group I, without traverse. It is believed that no fee is due; however, in the event a fee is required, please charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 13-3723. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the indicated telephone number with questions that can be resolved with a simple teleconference.

Respectfully submitted,

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